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# ANDY, MATEY!



**Pirates Arrr  
Scurlywags!**

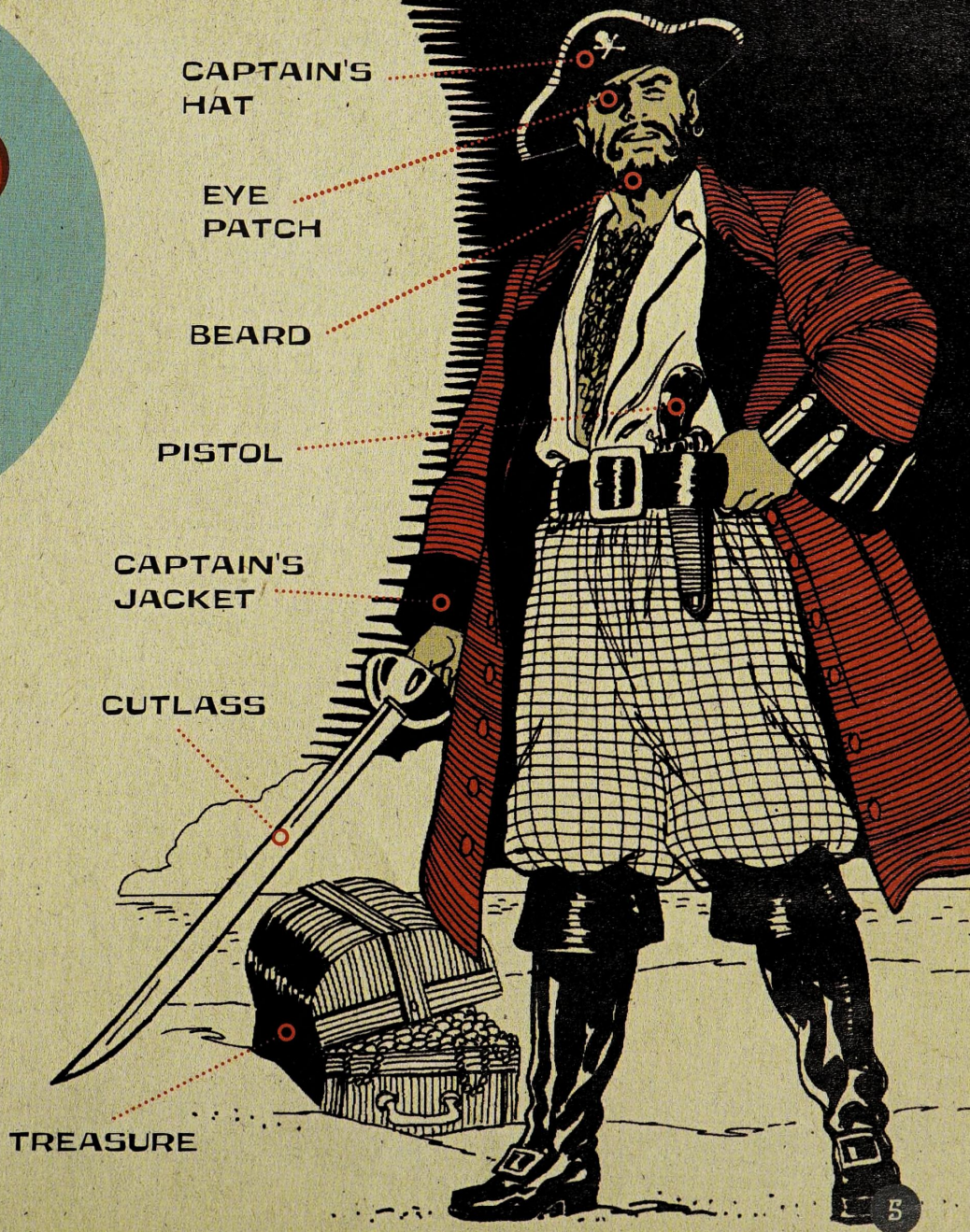
**W**ant to learn about pirates? Be ye brave enough? Piracy is stealing on the high seas. The high seas are the open parts of the ocean. These waters aren't protected. They're perfect for pirates!



# HOW TO SPOT A PIRATE

**P**icture a pirate.  
What do you  
imagine? Treasure?  
Parrots? What about a  
peg leg?

These ideas come from  
movies and books.  
People love pirate  
stories! Some are true.  
Some are not.





# THE PIRATE CODE

*Arrr!* Pirates broke a lot of laws. They made some up too!

## *Rule One*

Every man votes and gets  
equal food and drink.

## *Rule Two*

Lights and candles  
out at 8 P.M.

## *Rule Three*

Keep your weapons  
clean and ready.

## *Rule Four*

No kids or women  
on the ship.

## *Rule Five*

**Deserters** will  
be killed.

## *Rule Six*

No one takes more  
than his share!



# CHAIN OF COMMAND

## KNOW WHO IS IN CHARGE!

THE CAPTAIN leads the ship.

THE QUARTERMASTER hands out **gunpowder** and treasure.

THE BOATSWAIN assigns jobs to the crew.

THE GUNNER leads the men who fire the cannons.

THE CARPENTER fixes the ship.

THE COOK makes the meals.

LUCK AND

# SUPERSTITION

Pirates have a lot of **superstitions**! See if you know them all!

## BAD LUCK



Whistling is bad luck. One can "whistle up a storm"!



Never set sail on a Friday. Friday the 13th is the worst!



Never board a ship left foot first. Don't sneeze to the left either!

## GOOD LUCK



Cats are good luck. If a cat goes overboard, a storm is coming!



A thick rope with three knots brings good wind.



Gulls and dolphins are good luck. Don't hurt them!



# INFAMOUS

## BLACKBEARD

REAL NAME: *Edward Teach*

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1716-1718

LOCATION: *Atlantic Ocean*

SHIPS: *Queen Anne's  
Revenge, Adventure*

Blackbeard never  
used force.  
He didn't have to.  
Everyone was afraid of  
him! Blackbeard treated his  
crew well. Some say he never  
hurt his prisoners.





# PIRATES



## CAPTAIN KIDD

**REAL NAME:** *William Kidd*

**YEARS AS A PIRATE:** 1689-1701

**LOCATION:** *Caribbean Sea, Red Sea, Indian Ocean*

**SHIPS:** *Blessed William, Antigua, Adventure Galley*

Captain Kidd stole from French ships. But he wasn't a pirate! He was a **privateer** for Great Britain. Some say he became a pirate in 1697. A British court found him guilty in 1701.





## BLACK BART

**REAL NAMES:** *John Roberts, Bartholomew Roberts*

**YEARS AS A PIRATE:** 1719–1722

**LOCATION:** *Atlantic Ocean*

**SHIPS:** *Royal Fortune, Ranger, Little Ranger, Good Fortune, Royal Rover, Puerto del Principe*

**B**lack Bart worked near the Americas and West Africa. He was very successful. He attacked 470 ships!



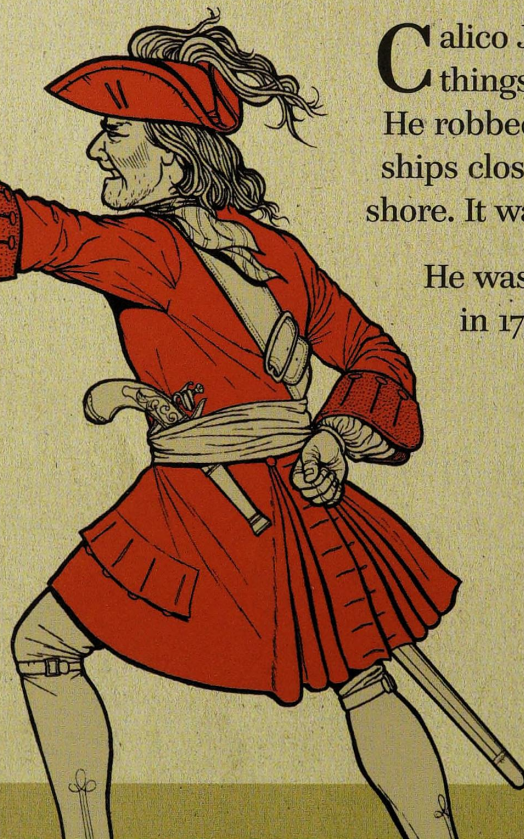
## CALICO JACK

**REAL NAME:** *John Rackham*

**YEARS AS A PIRATE:** 1717–1720

**LOCATION:** *Caribbean Sea*

**SHIPS:** *Treasure, Kingston, Revenge*



**C**alico Jack did things his way. He robbed small ships close to shore. It was risky!

He was hanged in 1720.



# PIRATE WOMEN

Most captains didn't let women on board. But Calico Jack did!  
These hardy lassies were in his crew!

## Anne Bonny

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1718-1720

LOCATION: Caribbean Sea

SHIPS: *Revenge*

Anne Bonny married young. Her husband just wanted her father's money. Bonny met Calico Jack in the Bahamas. She left her husband and became a pirate!

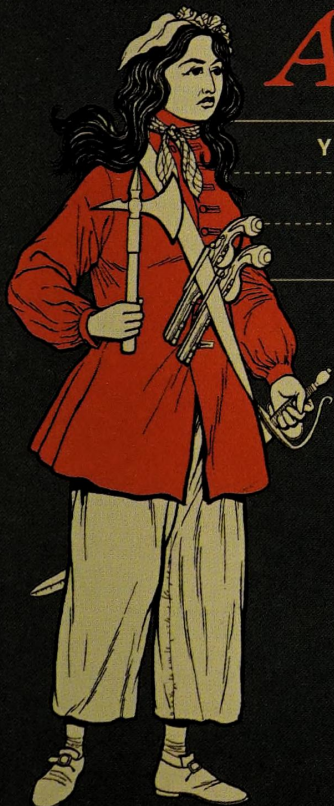
## Mary Read

YEARS AS A PIRATE: 1709-1720

LOCATION: Caribbean Sea

SHIPS: *Revenge*

Mary Read joined Calico Jack in 1720. His ship was caught that year. Read was sent to trial. But only Jack was hanged.





# GROG & GRUEL

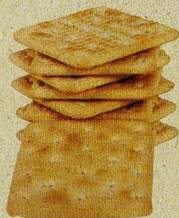
Pirates sailed for weeks at a time. They kept fresh water in barrels. But water spoils. Yuck! So pirates added lime juice and spirits.

Their food spoiled too. It was full of bugs! They ate at night. They didn't want to see their food!



## BATHROOM BREAK!

Most pirates had no bathroom. They had to go off the side of the ship!



## HARDTACK

Hardtack is a biscuit. It's made from flour, water, and salt.



## FRESH FRUITS

Fruits were picked on shore.



## GRUEL

Gruel is made from boiled grains.



## GROG

Lime juice and spirits kept the water fresh.



## SALTED MEATS

Salt helps meat last longer.



## SEA TURTLES

Sea turtles were kept on the ship until eaten.



# DANGERS OF PIRATE LIFE

BEING A PIRATE  
SOUNDS COOL.  
BUT IT WASN'T  
ALL FUN AND  
GAMES!

## DISEASE AND INJURY

Pirates had poor diets. They were often sick.

Doctors and medicines were rare. Injured limbs had to be cut off! That's how pirates stopped infections.

Pirates lived on the water. But most couldn't swim. Many drowned.

## DEADLY PUNISHMENT

The pirate code was strict. Pirates who broke it were often killed. Or they were left on deserted islands.





## CUTLASS

A cutlass is a short sword. It has a curved blade.

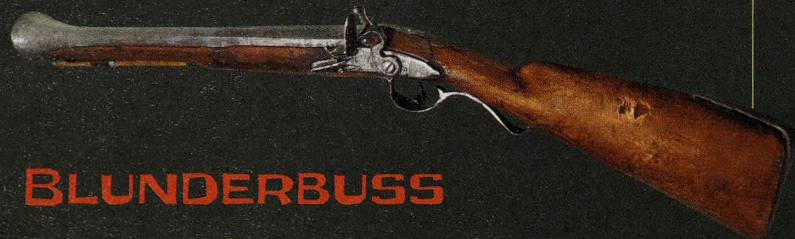


# PIRATES

## WEAPONS FROM THE

## BLUNDERBUSS

This is a gun with a short barrel. It is loaded with **gunpowder** and lead balls.



## PISTOL

Pistols are fired with one hand. Their range is short.



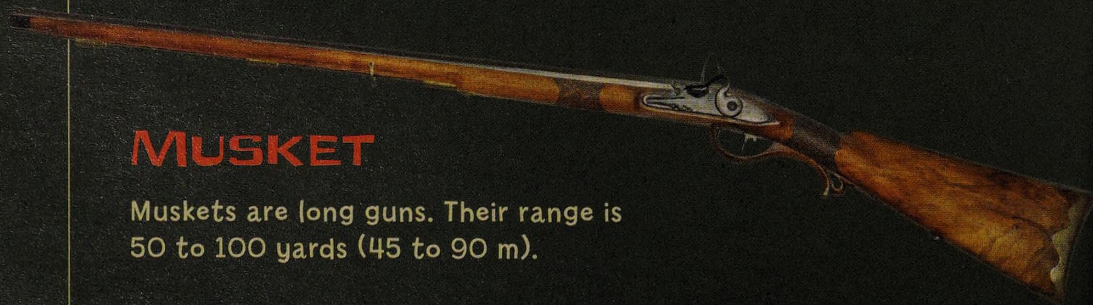
## GRENADE

Grenades are filled with gunpowder. They have fuses inside.



## MUSKET

Muskets are long guns. Their range is 50 to 100 yards (45 to 90 m).





# TO ARMS!

## GOLDEN AGE OF PIRACY



### CANNON

A cannon shoots cannonballs. Some cannonballs weigh up to 42 pounds (19 kg)!

### GRAPPLING HOOK

Pirates used them to hook onto other ships.



### RAPIER

A rapier is a skinny sword. It has a sharp point.

### SWIVEL GUN

A swivel gun is a small cannon. It's on a stand that turns.





# PIRATE SHIPS

## A QUICK GUIDE FOR LANDLUBBERS



SLOOP



SCHOONER



BARQUE

Most pirate ships were stolen **merchant** ships. Merchant ships were huge. They could haul a lot of goods. Pirates stole these goods along with the ships.

Pirates liked fast ships with a lot of cannons.



BRIGANTINE

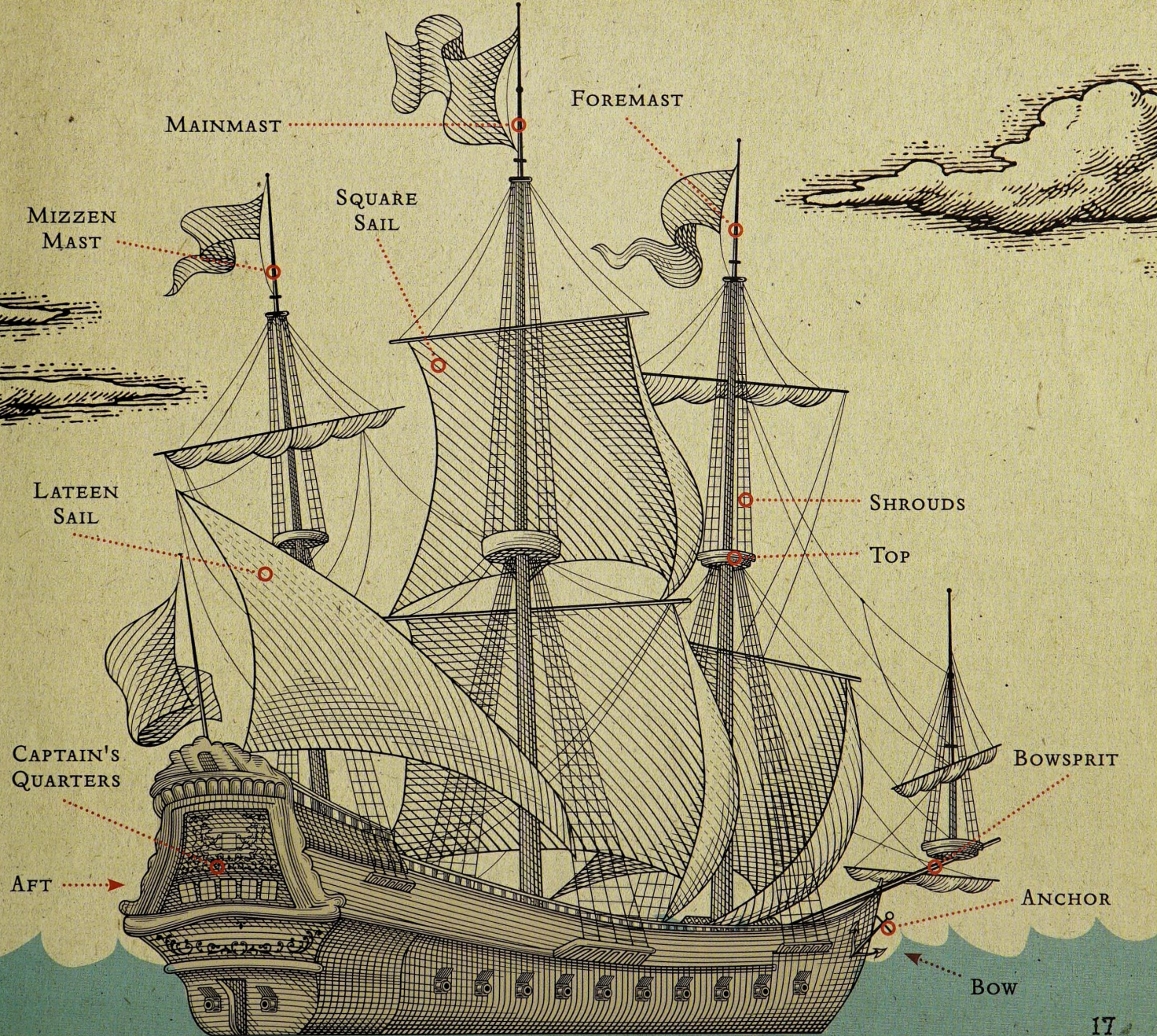


WARSHIP



FRIGATE







# THE JOLLY ROGER

*A Jolly Roger is a pirate flag. Pirates liked to design their own. Some have skulls. Others have hearts. Some are red. Others are black. But they are all Jolly Rogers!*



SAM BELLAMY



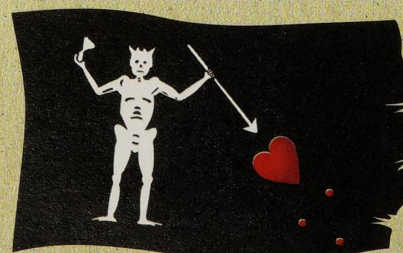
CALICO JACK



WALTER KENNEDY



EDWARD LOW



BLACKBEARD



STEDE BONNET



Pirates didn't raise the Jolly Roger often. They only raised it when they were close enough to attack another ship. The Jolly Roger would scare the other crew. Sometimes they would give up without a fight!



THOMAS TEW



HENRY EVERY



CHRISTOPHER  
MOODY



BLACK BART I



BLACK BART II



RICHARD WORLEY





# PIRATE TREASURE



## CAPTAIN KIDD'S BURIED TREASURE

Captain Kidd was a wanted pirate! So he sailed to New York in 1699. He wanted to tell the governor he was innocent. It was his only choice.

Would the governor believe him? Kidd didn't know. So he buried his treasure! He hid it on an island near New York.

The governor found Kidd guilty. He sent him to England for trial. He dug up Kidd's treasure too. Kidd was hanged in 1701.





PIRATES LIVED FOR TREASURE.  
BUT THEY OFTEN LOST THEIR LOOT!

## THE WRECK OF THE *WHYDAH*

A storm sank the *Whydah* near Cape Cod in 1717. It sank with almost five tons of treasure!

In 1984, underwater explorers found the ship. They also found coins, gold dust, and jewelry!





# PIRATE JOKES



What has 12 arms,  
12 legs, and 12 eyes?  
*A dozen pirates.*

Why did the pirate  
see a movie? *It was  
rated Arrr.*

Where did the one-  
legged pirate go for  
breakfast? *The IHOP.*

How much does it cost  
for a pirate to pierce his  
ears? *A buck an ear!*

Why did the pirate get  
his ship so cheaply?  
*Because it was on sail.*

Why does it take pirates  
so long to learn the  
alphabet? *Because they  
can spend years at C!*



# WHAT DO YE KNOW ABOUT PIRATES?

1. PIRATES STEAL  
ON LAND. **TRUE**  
**OR FALSE?**

2. PIRATES MADE UP  
THEIR OWN LAWS.  
**TRUE OR FALSE?**

3. HARDTACK IS A  
TYPE OF MEAT.  
**TRUE OR FALSE?**

4. A JOLLY ROGER IS  
A PIRATE FLAG.  
**TRUE OR FALSE?**

ANSWERS: 1) FALSE 2) TRUE 3) FALSE 4) TRUE





# GLOSSARY

**DESERTER** – someone who leaves a group or cause without permission and doesn't plan to return.

**GUNPOWDER** – a mixture of materials that explodes and is used in guns and cannons.

**HARDY** – strong and tough.

**LOOT** – things that have been stolen.

**MERCHANT** – having to do with trade, especially between different countries.

**PRIVATEER** – a person who has his or her country's permission to attack foreign ships.

**SPIRITS** – strong alcohol, such as whisky or gin.

**SUPERSTITION** – a belief that magic or luck can cause something to happen.

















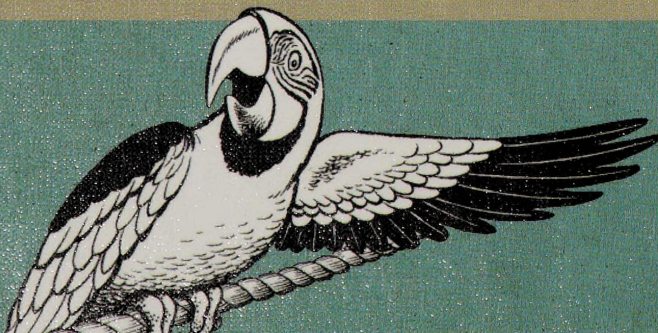


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